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CHINESE COMMUNISTS SPEED CONSTRUCTION
OF NAN-NING -- LUNG-MEN RR LINE

Nan-ning, 2 November -- The Communist authorities are pushing the construction of a rail line from Nan-ning to Lung-men [approximately 21 50 N 108 37 E], via Wu-ts'un, Ta-t'ung, Tung-k'uang, Hsiao-tung, Ta-t'ung, and Ch'in-hsien. The purpose behind the speedy construction of this line is to connect Nan-ning with Lung-men, the only deep-water seaport in Kwangsi which could be used to take the place of ports in Kwangtung in case of an emergency.

The line is being built on the roadbed of the narrow gauge railway line built by Japanese troops in 1940 to transport military supplies from Lung-men to Nan-ning. The survey of the roadbed has already been completed, and large quantities of construction materials are expected to arrive at Nan-ning within the next 10 days. Meanwhile, recruiting of civilian laborers and mobilizing of prisoners to repair and widen the roadbed has already begun.

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